

Tuesday 19th June 2018

Dear Parents,

The end of term is rapidly approaching and it is now time to be thinking of the new academic year when we will be welcoming your child into our Year 5 classroom. The class teacher will be a new member of staff, Mr Jenkins, who the children will meet during transition morning on July 5th.

As you will be aware Year 5 and Year 6 children wear a slightly different uniform to the rest of the school for which there will be opportunities on Friday 22nd June, 3.30 – 4.10pm and Monday 25th June 3.30 – 4.10pm to try on uniform for size, prior to ordering. I have enclosed a uniform and price list for your convenience.

We also offer Year 5 children the opportunity to purchase Google Chromebooks via a 1-2-1 Contribution Scheme. This device is one that meets our education needs and is a cost effective way of offering children their own mobile device at a reasonable price, to help facilitate learning anytime and anywhere. Recent studies have suggested that providing technology to children in the form of a personal device helps to deliver positive learning outcomes and could transform learning. With a mobile device, students can take advantage of the wealth of learning materials and resources available to them both inside and outside of the classroom and at home. Children will bring their Chromebooks to school every day in their rucksacks fully charged so they are ready to use in the classroom.

The Chromebooks will be managed via a Google Chrome Management licence. We (Kempston Rural) are able to pre-load educational and subject specific web apps to the devices to ensure the children have the right resources for the lessons. This also includes the blocking of certain app categories and key restricted terms. The devices will remain at all times under the Management licence until it is handed over to the child / parent at the end of the lease term.

The Chromebooks rely on internet access to have full functionality, so the device will need to be connected to the home wifi network to enable children to complete work at home.

After the term of 'lease' is up, the Chromebooks will be fully the property of the child / parent. At this point, the Management Certificate will be nullified, allowing for full unfettered access to all web apps and any features which were previously regulated (please note the Certificate itself will still exist on the device, but won't actually control anything).

What will it cost me?

We have chosen to work with specialists in the education sector to offer a comprehensive package that is a highly competitive, robust solution. This will be packaged to include insurance covering accidental damage and theft and a robust case – the school will be subsidising each Chromebook and therefore this will offer a significant saving when compared to high street prices. The all-inclusive

costs, collected by monthly direct debit are yet to be confirmed but it is anticipated that it will be between £14-£15 per month.

The great news is that at the end of the scheme the device is yours to keep and continue to use. Should your child move schools before the end of the leasing term, then the device can either be paid in full or the device will be left in school becoming the school's property who will then take over the responsibility for completing any outstanding payments.

To register an interest in securing your child's own Google Chromebook, please complete the slip at the end of this letter. As soon as I have the number of Chromebooks required I will send out actual pricing details alongside information on signing up to the scheme. It will be our aim to have the Chromebooks setup in accordance with the Management Licence, and fitted with their covers, ready for your child in September. We will text you to let you know your child will be bringing them home on that evening.

Chromebooks for use in school will be available to children who do not have their own.

This is a really exciting opportunity and to our knowledge we are trail blazing with this initiative amongst primary schools. Our aim is to ensure that we are equipping our children with a device that can be a catalyst to helping them achieve their learning aspirations both in and outside of school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Stanbridge

Head Teacher

Google Chromebook

I would like to register an interest in purchasing a Google Chromebook via a 1-2-1 contribution scheme for my child _____

I understand that by registering an interest I am not committed to purchasing anything until I am fully aware of the actual monthly cost.

Signed: _____